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SUBJECT: SEAWAY NEGOTIATIONS FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE

1. THE ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY CORPORATION HAS PREPARED THE FOLLOWING NOTICE TO BE PRINTED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER IN THE NEAR FUTURE. COPIES WILL BE MAILED IN ADVANCE TO THE CORPORATION'S MAILING LIST (8,000 NAMES) MARCH 21, AND THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO PASS THE TEXT TO INTERESTED GOC OFFICIALS.

2. BEGIN TEXT - REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

THE SAINT LAWRENCE SEAWAY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, IS A WHOLLY OWNED GOVERNMENT CORPORATION WHICH OPERATES ENTIRELY ON NON-APPROPRIATED FUNDS RAISED BY MEANS OF TOLLS ON VESSELS AND CARGOES WHICH
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MOVE THROUGH THE ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY. THE CORPORATION IS REQUIRED BY STATUTE (33 USC 988) TO COLLECT FROM USERS SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO COVER ALL COSTS OF OPERATING AND MAINTAINING THE WORKS UNDER ITS ADMINISTRATION AND AMORTIZE THE PRINCIPAL OF ITS DEBTS AND OBLIGATIONS OVER A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY YEARS. THE CORPORATION OPERATES AND MAINTAINS THE ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ST. LAW-

RENCE SEAWAY AUTHORITY OF CANADA. TOLLS ARE ASSESSED UNDER

A JOINT TARIFF OF TOLLS AND THE REVENUES RESULTING THEREFROM ARE DIVIDED BETWEEN THE TWO SEAWAY ENTITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH A FORMULA UPON WHICH THEY AGREE. THE LEVEL OF TOLLS ON THE MONTREAL-LAKE ONTARIO SECTION OF THE SEAWAY (.90/TON GENERAL CARGO; .40/TON BULK CARGO; .04/GROSS REGISTERED TON OF VESSEL) HAVE REMAINED CONSTANT SINCE THE SEAWAY OPENED IN 1959. BOTH SEAWAY ENTITIES PRESENTLY PROJECT A NEED FOR ADDITIONAL REVENUES BEGINNING WITH THE 1978 NAVIGATION SEASON.

ACCORDINGLY, THE CORPORATION IS SEEKING TO DEVELOP AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE TO DRAW UPON IN DISCUSSIONS WITH CANADA RELATIVE TO AMENDING THE TARIFF OF TOLLS.

THE CANADIAN SEAWAY AUTHORITY HAS SUGGESTED THAT TOLLS ON THE ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY BE ASSESSED AT APPROXIMATELY THE FOLLOWING LEVEL:

FOR TRANSIT OF THE MONTREAL-LAKE ONTARIO SECTION:

GENERAL CARGO - 1.05 DOLLARS/TON
BULK CARGO - .45 DOLLARS/TON
VESSEL - .04 DOLLARS/GROSS REGISTERED TON

FOR TRANSIT OF THE WELLAND CANAL SECTION:

GENERAL CARGO - .90 DOLLARS/TON
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BULK CARGO - .40 DOLLARS/TON
VESSEL - .04 DOLLARS/GROSS REGISTERED TON

THE PRESENT TARIFF OF TOLLS TOGETHER WITH DEFINITIONS OF GENERAL CARGO AND BULK CARGO AND THE RULES FOR THE MEASUREMENT OF TONNAGES OF CARGOES AND VESSELS ARE PUBLISHED IN 33 CFR PART 402.

THE SAINT LAWRENCE SEAWAY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION INVITES WRITTEN COMMENTS ON THE SUGGESTED TOLL SCHEDULE PRESENTED ABOVE. SHIPPERS, CARRIERS, AND OTHER CONCERNED PARTIES ARE REQUESTED TO FURNISH THE CORPORATION WITH SPECIFIC AND DETAILED TRANSPORTATION COST ANALYSES OF ALL SPECIFIC COMMODITY MOVEMENTS, EITHER BULK OR GENERAL, WHICH THEY CONSIDER WOULD BE DIVERTED BY AN ADDITIONAL TOLL ASSESSMENT OF THE AMOUNT SUGGESTED.

DATA PROVIDED SHOULD INCLUDE TOTAL TRANSPORTATION COSTS FOR MOVEMENTS OF CARGO VIA THE ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY AND SHOULD

DETAIL INDIVIDUALLY ALL PERTINENT COMPONENTS THEREOF
INCLUDING ALL INLAND FREIGHT COSTS (RAIL, TRUCK OR WATER),

TERMINAL OR ELEVATOR CHARGES AND HANDLING COSTS, OCEAN
FREIGHT COSTS, AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT TRANSPORTATION COSTS.
EACH ANALYSIS SHOULD ALSO DETAIL SIMILAR TRANSPORTATION
COSTS BY ALTERNATIVE ROUTES IN ORDER THAT THE POTENTIAL
FOR DIVERSION CAN BE ADEQUATELY EVALUATED. A NARRATIVE
EXPLANATION OF THE EFFECT ON EACH COMMODITY MOVEMENT
ANALYZED IN THE DATA FURNISHED SHOULD ACCOMPANY ITS SUB-
MISSION.

THE SEAWAY CORPORATION IS ALSO CONSIDERING PROPOSING TO
CANADA THE ADOPTION OF A TARIFF OF TOLLS WHICH WOULD
DIFFERENTIATE AMONG A GREATER NUMBER OF COMMODITIES THAN
DOES THE PRESENT TWO COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION OF GENERAL
CARGO AND BULK CARGO. THESE CLASSIFICATIONS WOULD BE MADE
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SO THAT DUE CONSIDERATION CAN BE GIVEN TO THE ENCOURAGE-
MENT OF INCREASED UTILIZATION OF THE NAVIGATION FACILITIES.
COMMENTS ON THIS GENERAL APPROACH ARE ALSO REQUESTED.

PROPRIETARY INFORMATION FURNISHED IN RESPONSE TO THIS RE-
QUEST FOR INFORMATION SHOULD BE IDENTIFIED AS SUCH AND WILL
BE TREATED CONFIDENTIALLY AS PROVIDED FOR IN 5 USC 552 (B)
(4). INFORMATION IS REQUESTED BY APRIL 29, 1977, AND
SHOULD BE SENT TO ADMINISTRATOR, ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY DEVE-
LOPMENT CORPORATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,
800 INDEPENDENCE AVENUE, S.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. 20591.
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